

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO:

FILED:

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR SPARINGLY SOLUBLE
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title, insert -- This is a continuation of Application No. 10/040,842, January 17, 2002, pending, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/524,965, March 14, 2000, abandoned, which is a continuation of 09/097,915, June 17, 1998, abandoned, which is a continuation of 08/578,527, January 5, 1996, abandoned, which is a 371 of EP94/02248, July 8, 1994. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-10 and add claims 11-22:

11.(new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a solubilized therapeutic agent which is sparingly soluble in water, excluding cyclosporins, and a carrier composition, said carrier composition comprising:

a) about 10-50% by weight, based on the carrier composition, of a co-surfactant which is substantially pure or which is in the form of a mixture, having a hydrophilic-lipophilic balance of less than 10 (HLB value according to Griffin), selected from the group consisting of polyglycerol fatty acid esters and sorbitan fatty acid esters;

b) about 5-40% by weight, based on the carrier composition, of a pharmaceutically acceptable oil which is substantially pure or which is in the form of a mixture, comprising a triglyceride as essential lipophilic component; and